--- Series of 1880-81 - TABAC CANADIEN / EN TORQUETTE - Quebec Division [N 54] ---

--- lithographed in green ink - 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- Inscribed NE DOIT PAS COUVRIR PLUS / **de 1/4 lb. plus** *G. La Rue / Percepteur* **---**

Chris Ryan reports in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter" of March 2003, that in anticipation of the Act of 1883 the Revenue Department, on January 13th 1883, instructed BABN not to print any new supplies of the soon to be supplanted 1880-81 strips, unless specially authorized to do so. On July 1st 1883 the Department declared that the 1/20th, 1/10th and 2 pound green strips were *obsolete*.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) John McKay records the 'delivery' of 568,647 *lithographed* copies of "1/4 lb. French Twist".

4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) John McKay records in his first TOBACCO section, the 'delivery' of 110,000 *lithographed* copies of "1/4 lb. Green Twist (old)" and 200,000 *recess printed* copies of "1/4 lb. Green Twist (new)".

This first TOBACCO section of the 4th Contract is a record of 'deliveries' made early in the Contract, before the "Series of 1883" replaced the lithographed strips. John McKay does not specify that these (old) Twist stamps were 'French', and I feel that they are either 'English', or were 'long white end' strips.

4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) John McKay records in his second TOBACCO section, the 'delivery' of 8,000 *lithographed* copies of "1/4 lb. Green Ribbon".

This second 'TOBACCO' section a listing of the *obsolete* issues that were 'Delivered' by BABN to the "Inland Revenue Department" in February / March 1888 for disposal. McKay seems in this entry to have grouped "Canada Leaf Only" strips, with both the English and the French "Canada Twist Only" 1/4th pound strips.

The catalogue lists the 1/4th pound, green, Quebec Division [N 54], TABAC CANADIEN strip as follows:

RT-95 - 1/4th pound, green, perforated 12, Quebec Division - N 54, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm controls
RT-95a - 1/4th pound, green, perforated 12, Quebec Division - N 54, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - **WANTED!**

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of **RT-95a** - the perforated one-quarter pound "Quebec" Division City Code strip, lithographed in green ink on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove. This item is wanted only if it is on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper.

The following imperforate strip is a remnant, probably from the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract**. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.

1/4th pound, green, *imperforate*, TABAC CANADIEN, Quebec Division **N 54**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

--- RT-95 - 1/4th pound - perforated 12 - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

RT-95 - 1/4th pound, green, perforated 12, TABAC CANADIEN, Quebec Division **N 54**, control number **002228**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh

002066	RT-95	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
002228★	RT-95	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
002255★	RT-95	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh,

This last strip appears to be *unwatermarked,* but it is on vertical mesh wove paper, and as can be seen from the control number, it has simply missed the sheet *block watermark*. Can the 1/4th pound strip actually be found on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper?

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